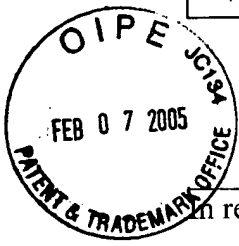


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 21 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper. Submitted simultaneously herewith is a Request for ONE MONTH Extension of Time with the required fee.